WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Setting up port based comprehensive Chemical Estates

5019. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMA CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up port based Comprehensive Chemical Estates (CCEs) having integrated refining and end-product facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ports where the CCEs would be initially set up, have been identified and if so, their names and locations; and

(d) whether private entrepreneurs would be involved in the proposed project and foreign direct investment encouraged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) The possibility of setting up shore based industrial estates for promotion of the chemical and petrochemical industry is being explored.

(c) No location has yet been identified.

(d) Yes, Sir. This would be the endeavour.

Sale of Naphtha produced by Refineries in Assam

5020. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 29th March, 1997, the Union Cabinet had decided not to install any Benzene production Plant in Assam and to sell the whole Naphtha produced by all the refineries to some promoter group;

(b) if so, whether this group has started any ancillary industry to produce and make use of the Naphtha produced by those refineries of Assam; and